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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Pacifici et al

Serial No. 09/552,823

Filed: April 20, 2000

For: USE OF RETINOID RECEPTOR
ANTAGONISTS OR AGONISTS IN THE
TREATMENT OF CARTILAGE AND BONE
PATHOLOGIES

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Z.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2001. Applicants have carefully read the Office Action and have the following comments:

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to their later presentation in this or a continuation or divisional application.

Kindly amend the following claim to read as follows: